

**A RESOLUTION BY COUNCILMEMBERS ANDRE DICKENS, C. T. MARTIN, FELICIA A. MOORE, CARLA SMITH, KWANZA HALL, ALEX WAN, MARY NORWOOD, KEISHA BOTTOMS, NATALYN ARCHIBONG, CLETA WINSLOW, JOYCE M. SHEPERD, HOWARD SHOOK, IVORY LEE YOUNG JR., YOLANDA ADREAN AND MICHAEL JULIAN BOND AS SUBSTITUTED BY COMMITTEE ON COUNCIL TO CREATE A TASK FORCE TO DETERMINE AN APPROPRIATE MANNER IN WHICH TO HONOR CONGRESSMAN JOHN LEWIS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, John Lewis, often called "one of the most courageous persons the Civil Rights Movement has ever produced", has dedicated his life to protecting human rights, securing civil liberties, and building "The Beloved Community" in America; and

WHEREAS, John Robert Lewis was born outside of Troy, Alabama on February 21, 1940, and attended segregated public schools in Pike County, Alabama. Lewis was inspired by the activism surrounding the Montgomery Bus Boycott and the words of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., which he heard on radio broadcasts; and

WHEREAS, Lewis organized sit-in demonstrations at segregated lunch counters in Nashville, TN, while a student at Fisk University. In 1961, he participated in the Freedom Rides, which challenged segregation at interstate bus terminals across the south; and

WHEREAS, Lewis was named Chairman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC). The organization was largely responsible for organizing student activism during the Civil Rights movement, including sit-ins and other activities; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Lewis holds a B.A. in Religion and Philosophy from Fisk University, and is a graduate of the American Baptist Theological Seminary. He has been awarded over 50 honorary degrees from prestigious colleges and universities throughout the United States, including Morehouse College, Clark Atlanta University, Howard University, Harvard University, Brown University, the University of Pennsylvania, Princeton University, Duke University, Columbia University, and Brandeis University; and

WHEREAS, in 1981, he was elected to the Atlanta City Council, and served as an advocate for ethics in government and neighborhood preservation. He was elected to Congress in 1986 and has since dutifully served as U.S. Representative of Georgia's Fifth Congressional District; and

WHEREAS, Lewis has been the recipient of numerous awards, including the Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian honor granted by President Barack Obama, the Lincoln Medal from the historic Ford's Theatre, the Preservation Hero Award given by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the NAACP Spingarn Medal, and the only John F. Kennedy "Profile in Courage Award" for Lifetime Achievement ever granted by the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation; and

WHEREAS, it is an honor for the Atlanta City Council to create a task force to determine an appropriate manner in which to honor the accomplishments of Congressman John R. Lewis.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, that a Task Force of Fourteen (14) individuals is hereby established which shall determine an appropriate manner in which to honor Congressman John Lewis, such as renaming a street or naming or dedicating a public place such as a building, plaza, park or other similar public place.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Task Force shall be staffed by staff of the sponsor Councilmember's office.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that members of the Task Force shall be as follows:

- One (1) member appointed by the Mayor;
- One (1) member appointed by the President of Council;
- One (1) member appointed by the Council Members from Post 1 At -Large, District 1, District 2, District 3, and District 4;
- One (1) member appointed by the Council Members from Post 2 At -Large, District 5, District 6, District 7, and District 8;
- One (1) member appointed by the Council Members from Post 3 At -Large, District 9, District 10, District 11, and District 12;
- The District 10 Council Member, or his designee;
- The Post 3 At-Large Council Member, or his designee;
- Mayor Shirley Franklin, or her designee;
- State Representative Stacey Abrams, or her designee;
- State Senator Nan Orrock, or her designee;
- Reverend Raphael Warnock, or his designee;
- Mr. Tom Houck, or his designee;
- Ms. Lois Frank, or her designee;
- Ms. Sherry Frank, or her designee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such appointments shall not require confirmation by the Atlanta City Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Task Force shall begin meeting once a majority of the appointments have been made and will meet on a monthly basis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Task Force will endeavor to meet its anticipated goals and be sunset by December 31, 2017.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that upon the adoption and approval of this Resolution, the Municipal Clerk shall notify the officials/individuals designated herein of the need to make an appointment to the Task Force to Determine an Appropriate Manner in which to Honor the Accomplishments of Congressman John R. Lewis, or of the official's/individual's inclusion as a member of this auspicious Task Force; and of the requirement that a resume (or bio) and a completed and signed Boards, Authorities, Commissions, Etc. (BACE) Information Form be returned to the Municipal Clerk, along with the official's/ individual's letter of appointment, designation or acceptance of service.

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SPONSOR SIGNATURES

Andre Dickens

Andre Dickens, Councilmember, Post 3 At-Large

Clarence T. Martin Jr

Clarence "C. T." Martin, Councilmember, District 10

Felicia A. Moore

Felicia A. Moore, Councilmember, District 9

Alex Wan

Alex Wan, Councilmember, District 6

Cleta Winslow

Cleta Winslow, Councilmember, District 4

Carla Smith

Carla Smith, Councilmember, District 1

Howard Shook

Howard Shook, Councilmember, District 7

Ivory Lee Young Jr.

Ivory Lee Young Jr., Councilmember, District 3

Joyce M. Shepherd

Joyce Shepherd, Councilmember, District 12

K. Bottoms

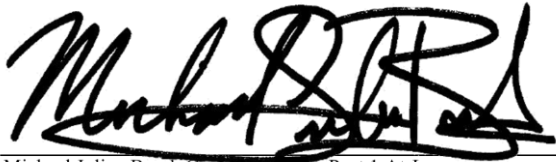
Keisha Lance Bottoms, Councilmember, District 11

Kwanza Hall

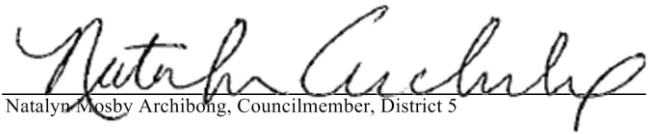
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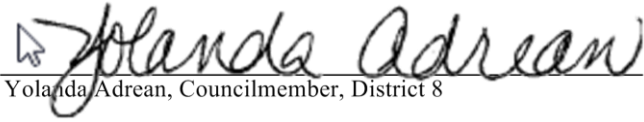
Mary Norwood, Councilmember, Post 2 At-Large



Michael Julian Bond, Councilmember, Post 1 At-Large



Natalyn Mosby Archibong, Councilmember, District 5



Yolanda Adrean, Councilmember, District 8

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**Workflow List:**

Clerk of Council	Completed	02/21/2017 1:47 PM
Atlanta City Council	Completed	02/20/2017 1:00 PM
Committee on Council	Completed	03/06/2017 11:15 AM
Atlanta City Council	Completed	03/06/2017 1:00 PM
Mayor's Office	Pending	

**HISTORY:**

02/20/17	Atlanta City Council	REFERRED WITHOUT OBJECTION
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<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>REFERRED WITHOUT OBJECTION</b>	<b>Next: 3/6/2017 11:15 AM</b>
03/06/17	Committee on Council	FAVORABLE ON SUBSTITUTE

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>FAVORABLE ON SUBSTITUTE [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Mary Norwood, Councilmember, Post 2 At-Large
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Cleta Winslow, Councilmember, District 4
<b>AYES:</b>	Moore, Winslow, Norwood, Bottoms, Young Jr.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Michael Julian Bond, Kwanza Hall

03/06/2017	Atlanta City Council	ADOPTED SUBSTITUTE
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<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED SUBSTITUTE [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	Bond, Norwood, Dickens, Smith, Hall, Young Jr., Winslow, Archibong, Wan, Shook, Adrean, Moore, Martin, Bottoms, Sheperd

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